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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Concord, NH - State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan announced today that the process of developing a new licensing program for gas fitters is still underway and progressing forward. HB 1711, known as Amilia's Law, was signed by Governor John Lynch on May 31, 2005 and was slated to become effective on January 1, 2007. An advisory committee established by the legislature has been working on developing rules for the implementation of the program. Due to the short amount of time provided, the rules are not expected to be completed for a few more months.

The NH State Fire Marshal's Office will employ various methods and media outlets to get the necessary information out to potential applicants for this new license. "We hope that applicants will remain patient with our office through this process" stated Fire Marshal Degnan. "We recommend that local officials continue to use the current provisions of the State Fire Code to determine qualifications of heating technicians until such time as the licensing program is up and running" said Degnan.

For more information on the process and the status of the program's development, please refer to the Division of Fire Safety website at

<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/certifications/GasFittersLaw.html>

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